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SUBJ: VISIT TO AFGHANISTAN BY THE SECRETARY

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1. FOLLOWING INTRODUCTION JULY 11 BY AMBASSADOR OF NEW DCM TO MOHAMMAD NAIM, PRESIDENT DAOUD'S BROTHER, ASSUMED TO BE NEW PRINCIPAL (BUT UNTITLED) FOREIGN AFFAIRS ADVISOR TO DAOUD, NAIM LAUNCHED INTO 20-MINUTE REVIEW OF WORLD SITUATION AS SEEN FROM KABUL. NAIM'S BASIC (AND STANDARD AFGHAN) POINTS WERE THAT GOA GENERALLY PLEASED WITH ITS FOREIGN RELATIONS, PARTICULARLY THOSE TIES DEVELOPING WITH INDIA AND IRAN, WAS SATISFIED WITH USG/GOA LINKS, AND HOPED FOR "EVEN BETTER RELATIONS WITH AMERICA", APPRECIATED SUPPORT FROM USSR AND WAS ONLY DISMAYED ABOUT SITUATION IN PAKISTAN. NAIM CLAIMED BHUTTO NOT ABLE CONTROL HIS DOMESTIC SITUATION.

2. AT CONCLUSION OF CORDIAL DISCUSSION, NAIM SAID HE HAD HEARD SECRETARY KISSINGER MIGHT VISIT INDIA IN THE NEXT FEW MONTHS. NAIM ASKED AMBASSADOR TO CONVEY GOA'S HOPE THAT SECRETARY WOULD FIND TIME TO STOP IN KABUL. NAIM SAID SUCH A STOP WOULD BE "EXCELLENT OPPORTUNITY" FOR BOTH SIDES TO EXCHANGE VIEWS ON CURRENT AREA ISSUES. NAIM LEFT NO DOUBT HE WAS SPEAKING FOR DAOUD AND WAS UNUSUALLY ANIMATED IN ARTICULATING INVITATION TO SECRETARY.

3. AS INDICATED IN REFTTEL, EMBASSY BELIEVES THAT BRIEF
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VISIT IN KABUL BY SECRETARY WOULD BE UNUSUALLY PRODUCTIVE

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